

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 26, 31, 37, and 38 have been amended. Claims 27-30 and 33 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 26, 31, and 35-39 are in the case.

Objection to Previously Filed Declaration of Dr. Thompson Under 37 CFR §1.131

The Examiner indicated to Applicant's representative in a telephone call that the previously filed Declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 was insufficient in that not all authors of the two references were addressed individually with respect to each reference.

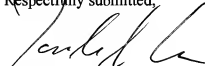
Attached to this response is a newly executed declaration of Dr. Timothy Thompson, the sole inventor of the claimed subject matter that fully addresses the Examiner's concerns. The contribution of each author to each of the cited references is now addressed individually.

Conclusion

Applicant submits that all of the Examiner's rejections and objections are overcome in light of the previously filed response and the currently filed supplement, and requests that all rejections be withdrawn and the pending claims be allowed without further amendment or prosecution.

If the Examiner has any questions or suggestions that might expedite allowance of the claims, a telephone call to the undersigned representative would be welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,



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